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NEW RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION IN SOVIET FAR EAST

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A concentration camp (Dal'lager) of about 200,000 persons is located along the railroad line connecting Khabarovsk and Komsomol'sk and along the railroad being built into the tundra. This latter railroad starts 100 kilometers west of Khabarovsk, at Izvestkoviy Station, and runs through the taiga into the tundra in the direction of Okhotsk, Penzhina, and Gishiga. The railroad is single track and is to service the large airports lying between the Sea of Okhotsk and the Kolyma River. One of the airports is located at Nizhne Kolymsk, the second is 200 kilometers from Izvestkoviy (toward Okhotsk), on the border of the taiga and the tundra, and the third is in the area of the village of Gishiga on Kamchatka (northwest part).

Another camp (Primorlag) consisting of 180,000 men and women is located along the railroad under construction at the western shore of Amurskiy Zaliv, from the village and station of Razdol'noye to the new Soviet city of Krasnikov /Krasning/, near Post Pos'yeta on Bukhta Pos'yeta, a distance of 270 kilometers. The 180,000 persons were separated into groups of 500-1,000 and settled along the railroad-construction site. This railroad, started in 1939, was completed in 1944. It runs from Razdol'noye westward through the Sukhancvskiy Pass (spur of the Sikhote-Alin' Mountains), then southward to Krasnikov /Krasning/, which is 5 kilometers from the Korean border. The road is single track, and the longest bridge (about 400 meters) runs across the Suyfun River, 3 kilometers from Razdol'noye. There are about 20 additional small reinforced-concrete bridges across the Ambaba /Ambai/, Barabash, and other rivers. Beyond the Sukhancvskiy Pass, the railroad embankment is about 30 meters high, and the track runs along the shore of the Amurskiy Zaliv.

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All personnel of the railroad, such as station masters, enginemen, switchmen, etc., are soldiers or members of the NKVD forces. Other personnel are used only in positions not immediately connected with running the railroad (repair workers, suppliers, attendants, mechanics, etc.).

Razdol'noye Station lies on the Ussuri Railroad [now Primorskiy System], 30 kilometers from the city of Nikol'sk-Ussuriyskiy [now Voroshilov]. Two kilometers from Razdol'noye is a large airport with the following garrison: an air wing (polk), an antiaircraft division, and attendants for the beacons which are located on two rocky islands in Amurskiy Zaliv, at the mouth of the Suyfan River.

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